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SUBJ: JAPANESE REPRESENTATION IN GUINEA

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1. NOBUYASHI KIMURA NOT TERRIBLY WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY SINCE HE DEPARTED SOON AFTER AMBASSADOR AND DCM ARRIVED AT POST. IN LIBREVILLE KIMURA HELD TITLE OF FIRST SECRETARY, WAS NUMBER TWO MAN IN JAPANESE EMBASSY AND CONCENTRATED ON COMMERCIAL WORK. HE LIVED ALONE, WAS IN EARLY TO MID-50'S WITH MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

2. KIMURA TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS ONE OF JAPAN'S "EXPERTS" ON SUBSAHARAN AFRICA, HAVING SERVED IN SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES PRIOR COMING TO GABON IN 1972. WHILE IN LIBREVILLE HE REGULARLY TRAVELED TO CAMEROON, CAR AND CHAD, COUNTRIES TO WHICH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN LIBREVILLE ACCREDITED.

3. EARLIER REPORTS OF CONTACTS WITH KIMURA CHARACTERIZE HIM AS NEITHER BRIGHT NOR WELL-INFORMED. MOST RECENT IMPRESSION
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WAS OF SOLID, HARD-WORKING "COMPANY-MAN" DIPLOMAT WHO IS

PLEASANT AND COOPERATIVE WITH U.S. COLLEAGUES.STEIGMAN

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